

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations and  
4 appreciation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities on their  
5 anniversary of 25 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities offers a  
7 "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill  
8 children being treated at nearby hospitals; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities first opened in  
10 Philadelphia in 1974; and

11 WHEREAS, Today 216 Ronald McDonald Houses are open in  
12 over 20 countries with more than 5,000 bedrooms available for  
13 families every night; and

14 WHEREAS, Each chapter of the Ronald McDonald House is run  
15 by a local nonprofit organization comprised of members of the  
16 medical community, business and civic leaders, parents,  
17 Ronald McDonald's owners and operators, and over 25,000  
18 volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, On April 28, 2002, The Ronald McDonald House  
20 near Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago will celebrate  
21 its 25th anniversary; and

22 WHEREAS, This house was the second Ronald McDonald House  
23 to open in the world; and

24 WHEREAS, Over 35,000 families of pediatric patients have  
25 been accommodated in Illinois through Ronald McDonald House  
26 Charities; and

27 WHEREAS, In Illinois, Ronald McDonald House Charities has  
28 awarded nearly \$60 million in grants; and

29 WHEREAS, Since 1974, having served over two million

1 families whose children are receiving medical attention for  
2 serious health conditions, Ronald McDonald House has created  
3 a place where families can receive emotional support from  
4 other families in similar situations; and

5 WHEREAS, We recognize the efforts of the Ronald McDonald  
6 House Charities who have rendered a service of tremendous  
7 compassion for millions of children and their families not  
8 only in Illinois but across the nation; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we do hereby offer our congratulations and appreciation to  
12 the Ronald McDonald House Charities; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the Illinois chapters of the Ronald McDonald  
15 House Charities and the Ronald McDonald Houses in Illinois.